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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 2, 2002**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action Mailed December 2, 2002, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and traverse.